

PEOPLE - HALL

## More Memories of Capt. Parker Hall

(After reading the article on Capt. Parker Hall in a recent edition of the *Clipper*, Mrs. Alfred (Ruth) Krueger of Howland's Lane in Kingston, said it brought back the following memories):

When she was a child, living at the "top of Washington St.," she could see Captain Parker Hall sailing his schooner up the Jones River. Many times he would take the children in the area on board.

In the winter, which were very harsh back then, the children had to cross the saltwater ice, which always covered the Blue Fish River, to get to the Point School. Capt. Parker Hall helped the children across and always watched to make sure they made it safely.

Ruth remembers he was married to a lady with coal black hair. Her husband remembers the name of one of his schooners was "Fair Catherine" and assumes it was named after the captain's wife. She always went out with him on the schooner and one time, Ruth remembers, the schooner was frozen in the Blue Fish and the captain made his wife stay on board until the ice thawed.

The captain and his wife lived in "a darling little house" on Cove St. Ruth said there were 2 paths leading up to the tiny house, both were covered with white clam shells, which really impressed the children.

Ruth said that he really stuttered and was considered eccentric. He also had a whisp of hair over his forehead that often got out of place so he tied a ribbon around it.

She remembers when his schooner was abandoned and some boys finally lit it on fire.

But the memory that seemed uppermost in her mind was the captain helping the children across the saltwater ice and watching to make sure they made it safely.

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